1	2	3	4
23.	Sikkim	0	May
24.	Tamil Nadu	0	May
25.	Tripura	0	May
26.	Uttar Pradesh	0	May
27.	Uttaranchal	0	May
28.	West Bengal	0	Mar.
	Total (States)	24	
29.	A&N Islands	0	Jun.
30.	Chandigarh	0	May
31.	D &N Haveli	0	Mar.
32.	Daman & Diu	0	Jun.
33.	Delhi	0	Apr.
34.	Lakshadweep	0	Jun.
35.	Pondicherry	0	May
	TOTAL (UTS)	0	
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	24	

Source: Monthly Crime Statistics.
Note: Figures are Provisional**.**

Brides abandoned by NRIs

707. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women, looking into an estimated 30,000 instances of NRI groms abandoning their Indian brids, has recommended for a law to protect the helpless women thus left deserted;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the Commission; and

(c) Government's response and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Malnutrition in the country

708. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, according to UNICEF, India is home to one in three of the world's malnourished children and nearly half of Indian children are undernourished compared with a quarter of those in Sub-Saharan Africa;

(b) if so, the details available with Government as on date;

(c) the steps so far taken by Government to curb the malnutrition among the children;

(d) whether Government have set any time-frame to completely eradicate the malnutrition among the boys and girls;

(e) if so, the details worked out so far; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY). (a) As per UNICEF report titled "Progress for Children, A Report Card on Nutrition, No.4, May, 2006", 39.04% of the underweight children under 5 years in the World are from India. In Sub-Saharan Africa, as per the Report, 28% of children are underweight.

(b) The National Level data on undernourishment among children is compiled through the National Family Health Survey (NFHS). The latest data available from NFHS-2 (1998-99) on State-wise distribution of undernourished children upto three years is given in the Statement, (see below) The work relating to NFHS-3 is underway at present and findings are likely to be available by the end of the year.